

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District Headquarters
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PROJECT TITLE: Issue a Right of Entry and Easement to Southwest Gas Corporation

LOCATION: Donner Memorial State Park

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) to Southwest Gas Corporation to install a gas line from the High Sierra Crossing Museum Building to the existing Southwest Gas main supply line and a permanent easement to allow Southwest Gas and their contractors to maintain work completed at Donner Memorial State Park on the gas line. Southwest gas will notify the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) at least one week prior to performing work, including routine maintenance, within the easement boundaries. Advance notice is not required when responding to an emergency, however, DPR will be notified as soon as feasible after Southwest Gas personnel arrive at the site. All work constructed within the boundaries of the easement, including routine maintenance and will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, CEQA, and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, with regard to work conducted within the easement. If potentially significant resources are unearthed, work in the immediate area of the find will be temporarily halted or diverted until the project manager consults with a DPR archaeologist, and identification and proper treatment are determined and implemented. All finds become the property of DPR; ownership of any Native American artifacts will be determined on a case-by case basis, in consultation with the appropriate tribal representative(s) and/or the Native American Heritage Commission. This easement will provide legal access and use of this property to Southwest Gas, while protecting natural resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 5

Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land use which do not result in changes in land use or density and is included as "issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCRS15300.4.

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